

REMARKS

The invention of claims 68-82 has been elected in response to the restriction requirement communicated in the Office Communication. Claims 83-102 have been canceled without prejudice.

With regard to the priority issue raised in the Office Communication, at pp. 4-5, the application has been amended to claim priority to a co-pending application that is a continuation of the parent application to which the present case originally claimed priority. It is believed to be proper to amend the present case at this time to add the priority claim to the co-pending application because the present case was filed prior to November 29, 2000.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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